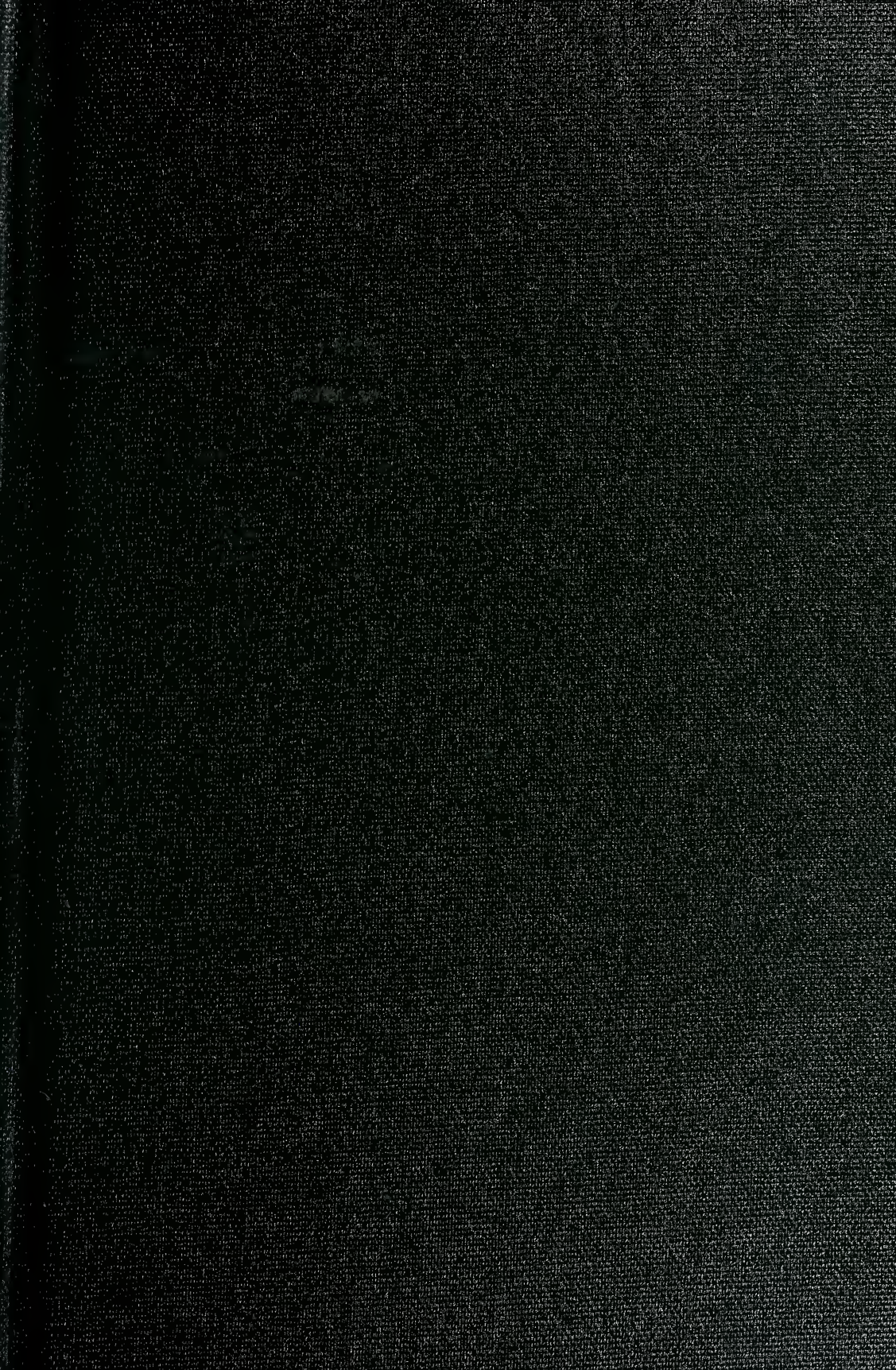
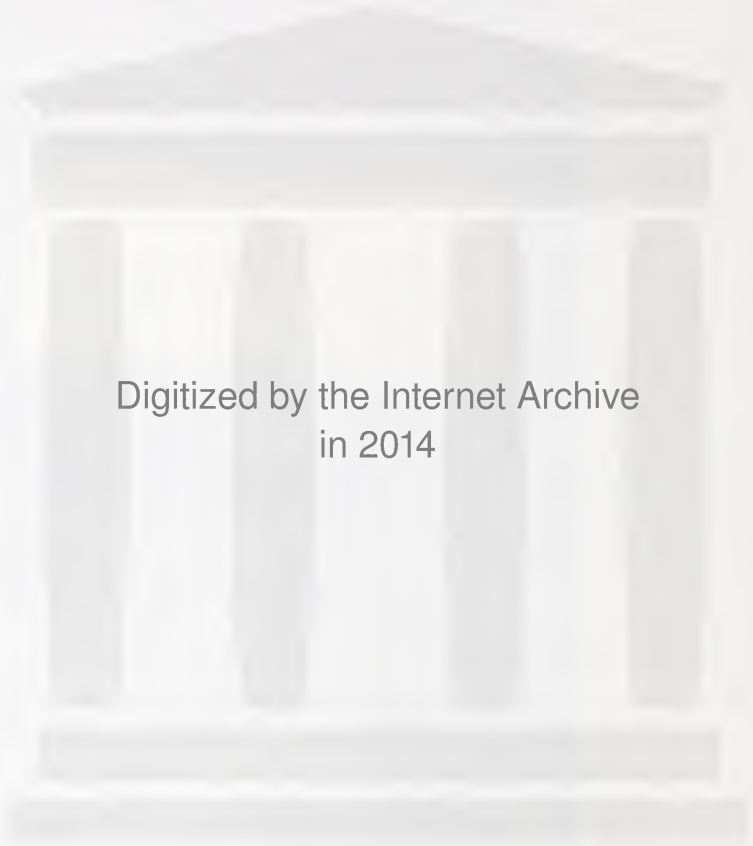






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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Prospect

Maine

FOR THE YEAR

1922-1923



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Waldo, ss.

State of Maine.

To *H. A. Blanchard*, Constable of the town of Prospect, *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Prospect, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the schoolhouse in District No. 3, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1923, to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the Report of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors of Taxes and Overseers of Poor and to see if the term shall be one or three years.

Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer.

Art. 6. To see what per cent. the town will vote to pay for the Collecting of Taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To choose a Tax Collector.

Art. 8. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.

Art. 9. To choose one or more Constables.

Art. 10. To choose Surveyors of Wood, Spars and Lumber.

Art. 11. To choose one School Committee for three years.

Art. 12. To choose a Town or Law Agent.

Art. 13. To choose one or more Fire Wards.

Art. 14. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Support of Poor and other town expenses.

Art. 15. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Building and Repairing Roads the present year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 19, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 17. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$300 for the Improvement of the Section of State-aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amount regularly raised for the Care of Ways, Highways and Bridges. The above being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of Section 18, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 18. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Snow Bills the present winter.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Patrol Maintenance the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Repairs of schoolhouses the present year.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Building and Repairing of Bridges the present year.

Art. 22. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Text-books the present year.

Art. 23. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the Support of Common Schools the present year.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Tuition of Scholars of Secondary Schools of standard grade the present year.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for Insurance, Apparatus, Supplies, etc., for Schools the present year.

Art. 26. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the Salary of Union Superintendent of Schools the present year.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to make Temporary Loans the first of the year on the anticipation of taxes.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to accept \$500 left to the town of Prospect by the will of the late Mary H. Smith to be held in trust for the perpetual care of the Smith lot, so called, in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Art. 29. (By request). To see if the town will vote to furnish Bonds from a Bonding Company for the town officers the present year.

Given under our hands at Prospect, this 28th day of February, 1923.

CHAS. H. GRAY,	} Selectmen
F. A. LANE,	
NORRIS I. WESCOTT	
	} of
	} Prospect.

PAID FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Albert Larrabee, watering tub, 1920-21-22.....	\$ 9 00
C. M. Conant, repairs on road machine.....	10 00
E. B. Nealley, shovels.....	2 75
Dillingham Book Store, check lists.....	1 25
F. W. Haley, shovels	4 00
C. A. Craney, supplies to seal weights and measures.....	80
C. A. Blanchard, rent of hearse house.....	3 00
The T. W. Burr Ptg. Co., printing town reports.....	61 98
American Express Co., express on ballots.....	64
Smith & Sale, office supplies.....	6 75
C. M. Conant, repairs on road machine.....	10 10
South Branch Grange, rent of hall for elections.....	4 00
H. R. Grant, watering tub, 1921-22.....	6 00
Harvard Harriman, housing derrick.....	2 00
Wm. C. Bowdoin, drills and bars.....	9 50
Central Maine Power Co., lights.....	10 00
M. H. Lane, use of watering tub.....	3 00
McKinley Lodge, K. of P., rent of office.....	20 00
E. S. Young, repairing hearse.....	1 25
C. M. Eames, iron work.....	11 60
C. M. Conant, repairs on road machine.....	1 80
L. C. Dow, electric bulbs.....	3 15
L. C. Dow, recording births and deaths.....	7 00
Everard Sprague, watering tub.....	3 00
Searsport National Bank, int. on notes.....	12 08
Chas. H. Gray, expenses to Augusts.....	8 75
F. A. Lane, expenses to Augusta.....	8 75
	\$222 15

PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY

Everett Dockham,	labor.....	\$ 1 66
Ernest Dunaver,	"	14 66
M. F. Dunaver,	"	47 83

John E. Larrabee, labor and gravel.....	\$17 00
Harvard Harriman, labor.....	3 00
John Moore, ".....	20 17
M. H. Lane, ".....	38 00
A. L. Haley, ".....	6 00
A. L. Haley, ".....	3 00
Carl Grant, ".....	9 40
James H. Brown, ".....	46 66
Alton Gross, ".....	3 00
H. R. Grant. labor and material	35 00
A. C. Clark, labor.....	6 00
Manley Shute, ".....	35 00
F. J. Clowes, ".....	29 75
Henry Grant, ".....	2 00
Fred Bowdoin, ".....	1 50
Warren Brown, ".....	3 00
Warren Brown, ".....	30 00
Warren Brown, ".....	15 16
Herman Harriman, ".....	4 50
Herman Harriman, ".....	7 33
F. A. Lane, ".....	6 00
Archie Gamble, ".....	3 00
C. H. Partridge, labor and gravel.....	42 10
Frank Perkins, gravel.....	40
Myron Clark, labor.....	1 66
Harry West, ".....	16 33
Everett O'Neil, ".....	37 00
Norris I. Wescott, ".....	25 66
Levi Ellis, ".....	6 00
Henry Haley, ".....	1 50
F. T. Haley, ".....	3 00
O. G. Smart, ".....	3 00
Gilbert Gillies, ".....	6 00
F. A. Lane, ".....	11 75
Wm. Rainey, ".....	6 50
Walter E. Littlefield, ".....	7 00
Cooper & Co., culverts, ".....	11 00
Walter Kenney, ".....	6 00

W. H. Shute,	labor.....	\$27 00
F. A. Lane,	"	12 00
F. A. Lane,	"	27 83
F. T. Haley,	"	19 34
Manley Shute,	"	24 00
Leroy Gross,	"	49 67
J. E. Witham, material.....		1 60
Archie Gamble,	labor.....	3 33
B. O. George,	"	3 00
Oscar Clark,	"	25 00
John Kelley,	"	7 50
Chas. H. Gray,	"	81 00
Edward Kelley,	"	8 00
Horace Clark,	"	3 00
C. K. Harriman,	"	14 70
C. M. Conant Co., culvert.....		28 00
D. F. Dockham,	labor.....	4 50
Chas. Hinckley,	"	10 33
W. O. Larrabee,	"	8 67
Alton Gross,	"	10 00
W. O. Young,	"	3 00
Walter Kenney,	"	67
F. T. Haley,	"	4 00
A. L. Haley,	"	1 33
Bernard Clark,	"	1 00
Frank Perkins, gravel.....		2 90
J. A. Gray, labor.....		3 95
H. L. George, labor.....		7 50

 \$966 34

PAID FOR SNOW BILL, 1923

Nelson Clark,	labor.....	\$ 8 50
Harvard Harriman,	"	2 66
Walter Littlefield,	"	11 33
Everard Sprague,	"	18 00

James H. Brown,	labor.....	\$13 93	
A. L. Haley,	"	7 33	
Harvard Harriman,	"	1 34	
A. C. Clark,	"	10 66	
			\$73 75

PAID FOR REPAIR ON BRIDGES

W. O. Larrabee, plank.....	\$27 00	
Chas. H. Gray, labor and plank.....	13 35	
F. A. Lane, labor.....	6 00	
Chas. H. Gray, plank.....	20 55	
Chas. Hinckley, labor.....	4 00	
H. A. Blanchard, plank.....	1 32	
L. C. Dow, nails.....	1 84	
		\$74 06

PAID FOR STATE-AID ROAD

Everett Dockham,	labor.....	\$ 36 00
F. A. Lane,	"	24 00
James H. Brown,	"	24 00
L. F. Gross,	"	24 00
Chas. Hinckley,	"	9 00
Everett O'Neil,	"	30 00
Fred Dockham,	"	42 00
C. M. Conant, culvert and cement.....		53 70
Manley Shute, labor.....		66 00
C. M. Staples, lumber.....		5 00
A. C. Clark, labor.....		12 00
Roscoe Harriman, labor.....		33 00
F. T. Haley, labor.....		30 00
Chas. H. Gray, lumber.....		1 40
Chas. H. Gray, labor.....		30 00

Norman Welch, labor.....	\$36 00	
Jasper Gray, gravel.....	30	
H. A. Blanchard, gravel.....	18 00	
Norris Wescott, foreman.....	45 50	
L. C. Dow, nails and oil.....	50	
		\$532 40

PAID FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Wm. S. Killman, percentage for collecting 1921 taxes.....	\$ 94 29	
Wm. S. Killman, percentage for collecting 1922 taxes.....	21 56	
Wm. S. Killman moderator.....	3 00	
H. A. Blanchard, constable, 1921.....	7 00	
P. A. Mills, auditor.....	3 00	
D. F. Dockham, ballot clerk.....	6 00	
M. F. Dunaver, ballot clerk.....	6 00	
Roscoe Harriman, part percentage for collecting 1922 taxes.....	50 00	
H. A. Blanchard, constable 1922.....	7 00	
L. C. Dow, school committee.....	3 75	
Chas. H. Gray, selectman.....	73 75	
F. A. Lane, selectman.....	61 67	
Norris I. Wescott, selectman.....	50 00	
L. C. Dow, town clerk.....	10 00	
Evelyn Mills, school committee.....	4 50	
Chas. H. Gray, school committee.....	3 00	
Roscoe Harriman, part percentage for collecting 1922 taxes.....	38 00	
F. L. Ward, percentage as treasurer.....	69 99	
		\$512 21

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR

Lillian Clark, board of Sarah Genthener	\$ 24 00	
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Lillian Clark, board of Sarah Genthener	24 00	
Lillian Clark, board of Sarah Genthener	24 00	
Lillian Clark, board of Sarah Genthener	30 00	
Dr. L. H. Smith, medical attendance for Sarah Genthener.....	6 00	
F. W. Haley, burial of Sarah Genthener.....	40 00	
C. A. Purdy, officiating at funeral of Sarah Genthener.....	2 00	
F. A. Lane, use of hearse.....	5 00	
John K. Harvey, digging grave.....	5 00	
		\$189 00

Support of Geo. Buck

By paid Wm. H. Shute, attendance.....	\$ 27 00	
Clara Clark, nurse.....	23 57	
Clara Nickerson, nurse.....	140 00	
Geo. A. Stevens, medical attendance....	28 00	
O. G. Smart, bedding destroyed.....	17 00	
O. G. Smart, board of nurses	38 57	
Nelson Clark, use of team.....	3 50	
Chas. H. Gray, cash paid for supplies	1 88	
Chas. H. Gray, arrangements for funeral.....	2 50	
F. A. Lane, arrangements for funeral..	2 50	
F. W. Haley, undertaker	45 00	
C. A. Purdy, officiating at funeral.....	5 00	
John K. Harvey, digging grave.....	5 00	
F. A. Lane, driving hearse.....	5 00	
		\$345 02
Total poor bills paid.....		\$534 02
Reimbursed by the town of Bethel for Geo. Buck.....		\$345 02

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Earl Bowden.....	\$ 3 00	
Amanda Kneeland, exempt by law	4 07	
Emma Luke, exempt by law.....	8 70	
Carl Larrabee.....	3 00	
John Butterfield.....	1 48	
Ross Green.....	3 00	
Joseph Crowley.....	3 00	
		\$26 25

CHAS. H. GRAY,	} Selectmen	
F. A. LANE,		of
NORRIS I. WESCOTT,		Prospect.

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Taxes uncollected on 1917 book:

Due at last settlement.....	\$ 8 19	
E. A. Young.....	\$ 8 19	
Balance due.....		\$ 8 19

W. S. Killman, 1922 Book

Commitment.....	\$7,213 88	
Cr. by cash.....	1,078 07	
Balance due.....		\$6,135 81

Book made over to Roscoe Harriman, Sept. 11, 1922

Commitment.....	\$6,135 81	
Cr. by cash.....	5,925 51	
Cr. by abatement.....	26 25	
Balance due.....		\$184 05

UNCOLLECTED

Wm. Alley.....	\$ 3 00	
Orren Burdeen.....	3 00	
A. M. Bridges.....	3 00	
Fred Bridges.....	3 00	
Ansel Gross.....	14 47	
Everard Sprague.....	20 27	
Edmond Sprague	3 00	
J. J. Moore	1 85	
Stetson & Turner.....	132 46	
		\$ 184 05

ROSCOE HARRIMAN,

Collector.

CHAS. H. GRAY,	} Selectmen of Prospect.
F. A. LANE,	
NORRIS I. WESCOTT,	

ASSETS OF TOWN

Due on H. A. Blanchard's tax book, 1917.....	\$ 8 19	
Tax deed on hand.....	75 14	
Due on Roscoe Harriman's tax book, 1922.....	184 05	
		\$267 38

LIABILITIES

Due Roscoe Harriman, part percentage for collecting 1922 taxes.....	\$ 30 51	
Due O. B. Gray, health officer.....	15 00	
Due F. L. Ward, percentage as treasurer	2 56	
		\$48 07
Balance in favor of town.....		\$219 31

CHAS. H. GRAY,	} Selectmen of Prospect.
F. A. LANE,	
NORRIS I. WESCOTT,	

PERCY A. MILLS,

Auditor.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN ON TREASURER

For the Year Ending February 28, 1923

For miscellaneous expenses	\$222 15	
highways.....	966 34	
Paid for snow bills, 1923.....	73 75	
bridges, 1922.....	74 06	
State-aid road.....	532 40	
town officers.....	512 21	
support of poor.....	534 02	
Abatement of taxes.....	26 25	
School acct. and superintendent's salary.....	3,719 08	
		\$6,660 26

Total valuation of town of Prospect, April 1st, 1922.....\$184,335 00
 No. of polls, 131
 Poll tax, \$3.00
 Rate of taxation, .037

The following amounts were assessed on the inhabitants of Prospect on non-residents owning property therein:

State tax.....	\$1,160 71	
County tax.....	773 00	
Poor and other town expenses.....	1,000 00	
Highways.....	1,000 00	
State-aid.....	300 00	
Patrol maintenance.....	550 00	
Repair of schoolhouses.....	600 00	
Bridges.....	150 00	
Text-books.....	200 00	
Schools.....	800 00	
Tuition.....	200 00	
Insurance apparatus and supplies.....	100 00	
Superintendent of schools, salary.....	100 00	
Overlay.....	280 17	
		\$7,213 88

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

To rec'd of L. C. Dow, former treasurer.....	\$ 203 46
tax deeds on hand.....	130 62
cash rec'd of F. A. Lane and Manley Shute for use of hearse.....	8 00
cash rec'd from Searsport Nat'l Bank (on temporary loan).....	500 00
rec'd of L. C. Dow, dog tax.....	41 00
Wm. S. Killman, collector	1,078 07
Roscoe Harriman, collector	5,951 76
State Treas., school fund.....	1,172 61
State treas., State-aid road.....	344 00
the town of Bethel.....	345 02
	\$9,774 54

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By paid superintendent's orders for teachers, janitors, wood, books, supplies, con- veyance, repairs, tuition and super- intendent's salary.....	\$3,719 08
Selectmen's orders for poor, highways, town officers, bridges, State-aid road, miscellaneous and abatements	2,941 18
State treas., dog tax.....	41 00
State treas., State tax.....	1,160 71
State treas., patrol maintenance.....	563 33
County treas., County tax.....	773 00
Searsport Nat'l Bank, (temporary loan).....	500 00

By tax deeds on hand.....	\$75 14	
Cash to balance.....	1 10	
		\$9,774 54

LEW. WARD,

Treasurer.

TAX DEEDS AT SETTLEMENT, FEB. 26, 1923

1904			
Dec. 19	William P. Baird.....	\$ 14 92	
1911			
Feb. 6	Heirs of Thomas Clark.....	16 56	
1911			
Feb. 6	E. H. Crocker.....	6 05	
1914			
Feb. 14	Walter I. Clark.....	5 67	
1915			
Feb. 1	Charles Moody.....	6 64	
1916			
Feb. 7	Edwin Billado.....	7 07	
1919			
Feb. 3	John Cookson.....	7 09	
1920			
Feb. 2	John B. Cookson.....	5 90	
1920			
Feb. 2	Charles Hendricks.....	5 24	
	Total.....		\$75 14

LEW WARD,

Treasurer.

Report of Schools

COMMON SCHOOLS

Resources

For the Year 1922-23

Balance from 1921-22 account.....	\$435 95
Annual appropriation, town meeting.....	800 00
State fund.....	800 00

Total funds available for 1922-23 \$2,035 95

Paid teachers:

Lucy Greenwood.....	\$225 00
Carrie M. Hamlin.....	221 00
Flora Ward.....	486 00
Bertha Avery.....	324 00
Evelyn Staples.....	300 00
Flora Ward, orders unpaid for Feb., 1922	90 00

Total teachers' salaries \$1,646 00

Paid for fuel:

James Cummings.....	\$ 50
John A. Moore.....	4 00
Manley Shute.....	21 00
Randall Eames.....	4 50
Eugene Barnes.....	7 00
Earl Dow.....	6 00

Paid Everard Sprague.....	\$ 2 25
Roger Harriman.....	3 50
Ernest Harriman.....	11 00

Total expenditures for fuel.....	\$59 75
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Paid janitors' services:

James Cummings.....	\$ 9 45
Donald O'Neil.....	3 20
Elden Brown.....	10 00
Harry Clark.....	10 40
F. Hopkins.....	13 00
Linwood Gross.....	4 80
Flora Ward.....	3 15

Total janitors' services.....	\$54 00
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Paid for conveyance:

John A. Moore.....	\$254 00
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Total expenditures, common school acct.	\$2,013 75
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Balance on hand.....	22 20
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\$2,035 95	\$2,035 95
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HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Tuition Account

Balance on hand from 1921-22.....	\$183 28
Annual appropriation.....	200 00
State fund.....	372 61

Total resources for 1922-23.....	\$755 89
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Paid town of Frankfort:

Elizabeth Clark.....	\$60 00
Frank Haley.....	20 00

Paid Leroy Haley.....	\$20 00
Mildred Nickerson.....	60 00
Earl Dow.....	60 00
Helen Kazick.....	60 00
Ernest Dunaver.....	40 00
Alton Gross.....	60 00

Total paid to Frankfort.....	\$380 00
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Paid E. M. C. Seminary, Bucksport, Maine:

Frank Ashworth.....	\$ 80 00
Ada Harriman.....	80 00
Frances Harriman.....	60 00
Harold Grant, winter term, 1922-23.....	20 00

Total paid to E. M. C. Seminary	\$240 00
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Paid City of Brewer:

Herbert Ames.....	\$20 00
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Paid City of Bangor:

Ada Rainey.....	\$20 00
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Paid Town of Stockton Springs:

Flora Kenney.....	\$ 60 00
Ernest Clark.....	60 00

Total paid to Stockton Springs	\$120 00
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Total tuition paid out for 1922-23	\$780 00
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Overdraw.....	24 11
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\$780 00	\$780 00
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TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT

Resources for 1922-23

Annual appropriation for year.....	\$200 00	
Ginn Co. for old geographies	3 40	
		\$203 40

Paid deficit from 1921-22.....	\$ 92 94	
Balance on hand.....	110 46	
		\$203 40

Paid for repairs:

Manley Shute.....	\$ 5 00
L. F. Ames.....	54 09
C. W. Carr.....	17 50
I. L. Saunders.....	59 32
R. P. Facticeaux.....	41 83
Evander Harriman.....	54 75
Evelyn Mills.....	1 00
Edna Harriman.....	2 00
P. G. Harding.....	110 45
Washington Harriman.....	95 37
Harold Grant.....	2 25
P. A. Mills.....	169 11
E. B. Nealley.....	15 00
Anna C. Harriman.....	2 00
James Hendricks.....	2 90
Everett Hendricks.....	9 25
Haynes & Chalmers.....	69 87
Eugene Barnes.....	1 00
Lillian Clark.....	4 00
Carl Grant.....	3 00
J. L. Hammett & Co.....	40 56
F. B. Johnson.....	6 00
John L. Donahue.....	3 00

Paid Chas. Gray.....	\$9 60	
F. Hopkins.....	1 00	
L. C. Dow.....	8 22	
John Moore.....	2 00	
Roger Harriman.....	4 00	
F. W. Haley.....	3 50	
C. W. Eames.....	4 00	
Chester Wood.....	2 00	
Flora Ward.....	4 00	
		\$806 57

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Annual appropriation.....	\$600 00	
Paid overdraft for 1921-22.....		\$ 94 48
Paid accounts, as itemized.....		806 57
Overdraft, to date.....	301 05	
	\$901 05	\$901 05

APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Resources for 1922-23

Annual appropriation for year.....		\$100 00
Paid out:		
Overdraft for previous year.....	\$ 51 00	
Newell White.....	60	
Telephone, postage, etc.....	1 87	
Raymond Paper Co.....	1 62	
Total expenditures.....		\$55 09
Balance on hand.....		44 91
		\$100 00

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Resources for 1922-23.....	\$104 85	
Paid out to:		
Frederick M. Nickerson		\$65 48
Richard J. Morgrage.....		49 99
Total expenditures.....		\$115 47
Overdraft for 1922-23.....	10 62	
	\$115 47	\$115 47

RECAPITULATION OF ACCOUNTS

	Resources	Expenditures	Bal.	Overdraft
Common schools.....	\$2,035 95	\$2,013 75	\$ 22 20	\$
Text-book acct.....	203 40	92 94	110 46	
Repairs acct.....	600 00	901 05		301 05
Supplies acct.....	100 00	55 09	44 91	
Superintendence acct.	104 85	115 47		10 62
Totals.....	\$3,044 20	\$3,178 30	\$177 57	\$311 67

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MONEY

Amt. rec'd from the State.....	\$1,172 61
Apportioned to common schools.....	\$800 00
Apportioned to tuition acct.....	372 61
	\$1,172 61

RICHARD J. MORGRAGE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens and the School Committee of Prospect:

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of the condition of the Prospect Schools. There are often many little things that the parents would like to suggest but they often hesitate to do so lest they be thought of as meddlers. I wish that they would bring these things to my attention, as nothing is too trivial to receive attention where the welfare of our children is at stake.

In general the schools have made very satisfactory progress during the past year. Mrs. Avery is giving most excellent satisfaction at the Ferry School. Work here has been handicapped by lack of materials and text-books, which although ordered have as yet failed to materialize. Part of the materials ordered have come and I hope that before the schools open in the spring the balance will be on hand that the work may be uninterrupted. Mrs. Ward has done excellent work at the Marsh School. We are indeed fortunate to obtain the services of these two teachers for the salaries which we are able to pay. In the fall Miss Evelyn Staples came to teach the Clark School, and has done very creditable work. With a little more experience and training she will develop into a very strong teacher.

The ceiling of the Marsh should be painted a white or neutral color to provide better lighting for the pupils. The toilets at the Ferry School must be modernized before September 1, 1924. The Clark School needs extensive repairs to make it habitable for the coming year. The woodshed here is especially bad. The toilets must be modernized here and it is suggested that when this repairing

is done that these buildings are placed under one roof as has been done at the Marsh School. Teachers' chairs and tables have been placed in both the Clark and the Ferry Schools.

There is always some question as to the most economical method of supervision, especially in point of time. As soon as travel becomes practicable in the spring I want to put in a week of intensive work in the Rural Schools of each town in the District. To the end that the supervision shall become more effective, a rather detailed course of study is in the process of composition. A complete course of study is necessary for various reasons, especially that a definite plan for progress be mapped out, and a duplication of work in different grades be avoided. It is the hope of the superintendent that standards may be set up that will make the work continuous and progressive. It is possible to keep school without a course of study, but to teach a school the teacher must be provided with a fairly well-outlined course of work before any real definite headway can be made.

We recommend that the following amounts be raised for the coming school year:

Common schools	\$1,200 00
Tuition account.....	400 00
Text-books.....	200 00
Supplies acct.....	100 00
Superintendence.....	115 00
Repairs.....	700 00
	————— \$2,715 00

Last year we received from the State \$1,202.52, while this year our State money was only \$1,172.61, showing a loss under the new apportionment of \$29.91. You will note that the recommendations are slightly in excess of last year to compensate for this reduction and also to anticipate any further curtailment from the State. In addition to this, our tuition will undoubtedly increase slightly.

In closing I want to thank the teachers for their most loyal cooperation and support. In the last analysis the success of your

schools depends not upon the text-books, not upon your school committee, and not upon the superintendent but upon the teacher, and fortunate indeed is the town where real teachers like those of Prospect are found. I want to thank the School Committee for their most loyal support during the past six months. There have been many situations where their work has been invaluable to me. They have worked hard and conscientiously for the good of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. MORGRAGE,

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